

Winson Supports AFL Move To Relax Wage Freeze Now

**Report to Congress Urge
Higher Pay Rates to Off-
set "Take-Home" Losses**

Mr. Vinson, making public his quarterly report to Congress and the President, stated "we must be prepared to make some upward adjustments to compensate for severe declines in take-home pay." He explained in a news conference he meant increases in wage rates above Little Steel formula limits.

Truman, Signing OPA Extension Law, Sees Price Curbs Needed In Postwar

ing wage rate relief for workers when high-pay war jobs dwindle. Mr. Vinson declared that savings to employers, resulting from reduction of overtime premiums, downgrading of jobs and increased manufacturing efficiency, "would permit some rise in wages without a compensating rise in prices."

In event of early collapse of Japan, which some industrialists have said would bring us close to economic disaster, the mobilization chief indicated that a great public works program to combat unemployment insurance would have to carry most of the load until industry could be regarded as high speed peacetime operation. He said present plans for a postwar works program must be enlarged and blueprinting speeded.

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Harrisburg, Pa.—Governor Martin signed an amendment to the State Labor Relations Act, adopted by the Pennsylvania Legislature, which gives workers the right to elect their collective bargaining unit for themselves.

This provision is similar to that which the AFL wishes to have included in the new National Labor Relations Act, which would be in effect in interstate commerce. The state law affects only intrastate commerce.

The brief amendment reads as follows:

"Provided that if the majority of the employees of a particular craft or industry shall so request, the board shall designate the craft unit as the bargaining unit for the employees of the employer in that particular craft."

Under the existing National Labor Relations Board, employers have charged that it frequently has disfranchised craft workers in a plant by dispersing their wishes and setting up a single collective bargaining unit. The amendment would prevent this by forcing these workers to become members of a rival and hostile union.

The state amendment is designed to correct that injustice with respect to intrastate commerce. It is not intended to affect interstate commerce. The CIO officials object to the amendment, it is expected to reverse control

From his bed at Walter Reed General Hospital here, Private Andrew J. Owens frankly admitted he is somewhat worried. Before the war he worked for the Boston Elevated Railway as did five other members of

**COURT PREVENTS RAID
ON AFL UNION'S FUNDS**

Binghamton, N. Y.—State Supreme Court Justice Martin W. Deyo, in a significant decision, upheld the constitutionality of the AFL and prevented

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belonging to a national union here, are being "donated" to an independent group.

The Federal Local, Photographic & Chemical Workers Union, No. 22616, was ordered by AFL President, Walter Reuther, to affiliate with the new Chemical Workers International Union. Several of the local officers refused, and organized an "independent" union and joined through the method of "donating" the local funds to the new organization.

At an NLRB election, the workers approved, by a majority of 10, the new Chemical Workers International Union. The General Ass'n & Film Corp. voted overwhelmingly for the AFL and joined the independent union.

Representative, Wm. C. Cramer, in an investigation, sought by John J. O'Connor, after he had been elected, revealing that the funds of the AFL were being donated to the new union. He has been successful in the outcome of the litigation.

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